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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Rear boundary of Ninth Army (effective 151800A): Commencing at junction of Ninth Army north boundary with International boundary of Holland and Germany at E9312; thence south along border between Holland and Germany to junction with boundary between Ninth and First Armies.

Boundary between XV and VI Corps: EICH Q5216 - WILBESHEIM Q5320 (all to VI Corps) - RAUVILLER Q5423 (to XV Corps) - VECKERSWILLER Q5927 - DRULINGEN Q6030 - TIEFFENBACH Q6434 (to VI Corps) - point Q6937 - point Q7341 (to both) - MOUTERHOUSE Q7942 - EGUELSHARDT Q8246 - EPPENBRUNN Q8757 (to VI Corps) - PIRLASENS Q9066 (to both) - BURGALBEN Q9376 (to VI Corps) - SCHMIDENBERG Q9981 - WACHENHEIM R3293 - OGGERSHEIM R4699 (all to XV Corps) - RHINE River at M5101.

Boundary between XXI and XV Corps: As before to CHATEAU SALINS Q1025 thence along railroad to SARRALBE Q4845 (to XV Corps) - western branch of railroad to SARREGUEMINES Q5157 (to XXI Corps) - AEWELLER Q6069 - NIEDER-WURZBACH Q6171 - MITTEL Q6583 - QUIRNACH Q7797 (all to XV Corps) - WOLFSTEIN L9109 (to XXI Corps) - DIELKIRCHEN M0618 (to XV Corps) - WALHEIM M2624 (to XXI Corps) - RHINE River at M4931.

Boundary between III and VII Corps (effective 161200A): As before to WEILERSWIST F3640 - road to HEIMERZHEIM F4235 (incl to III Corps) - DUISDORF F5135 (to VII Corps) - DOTENDORF F5634 - along east bank RHINE River to F6324 - RHEINBREITBACH F6424 - WINDHAGEN F7327 - F7531 - WAHLER River and GRIESEN River to F8033 - WEYERBUSCH F8735 (all incl to III Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (151200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. 5th French Armored Division. (Less CC6). Reverted to Army Group reserve. Combat Command "6" attached to 3d Algerian Division (VI Corps).

SEVENTH ARMY. 4th Division. 12th Infantry and 22d Infantry closed in the army area.

VI Corps. 3d Algerian Division. (With CC6 5th Fr Armd Div atched). Attacked at 0715A. 36th Division. Attacked at 0100A. Advanced up to three miles on a three-mile front. Elements were fighting in BITSCHOFFEN Q9129 and MERTZWILLER Q9630 which were by-passed. Resistance was moderate, however many mines and booby-traps were encountered. Front line change: Q9630 - Q9432 - Q9333. 103d Division. Attacked at 0654A. Elements crossed the MODER River in the vicinity of Q8827 and advanced two and one-half miles north on a four-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: Q9131 - Q9033 - Q8933 - Q8835 - Q8735. 12d Division. Attacked with two regiments abreast at 0545A. Resistance was light and gained one and one-half miles on a seven-mile front. Front line change: Q8537 - Q8437 - Q8138 - Q7740 - Q7642.

XV Corps. 71st Division. Assumed command of its sector at 0900A and maintained defensive positions. 100th Division. Attacked at 0500A. Advanced one to three miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: Q7748 - Q7649 - Q7550 -

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Q7853 - Q7854 - Q7755 - Q7654. 3d Division. Passed through the 44th Division at 0100A against moderate resistance from artillery, small arms and mine fields. Advanced two miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: Q7056 - Q6958 - Q6759 - Q6659. 45th Division. Attacked through the 44th Division at 0100A. Gained two miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: Q6358 - Q6258 - Q6159 - Q5961 - Q5861 - Q5662.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. Advanced up to two miles on a five-mile front against moderate enemy opposition. Front line change: Q5664 - Q5666 - Q5568 - Q5468 - Q5268 - Q4968. 70th Division. Attacked north from the high ground in the vicinity of Q4768 - Q4468 and closed to the SAAR River from Q4869 - Q4072. 101st Cavalry Group. Seized the line of the SAAR River from Q4072 west to Q3474.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (152400A). XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. No change.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division. 29th Armored Brigade reverted to command from I Corps and concentrated in the vicinity of AVERBODE K0674. 159th Infantry Brigade concentrated in the area AERSCHOT J9669 - HAECHT J8268.

VIII Corps. No change.

XII Corps. No change.

XXX Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 49th Division. Was attached to I Canadian Corps.

I Canadian Corps. Assumed command of a sector between II Canadian Corps and I British Corps at 151200A.

II Canadian Corps. No change.

I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (15 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,357 bombers against the ORANIENBURG Z7276 marshalling yard and an army headquarters. 1,304 aircraft dropped 2,529 tons of general purpose and 808.2 tons of incendiary bombs on assigned targets and several targets of opportunity. Twelve bombers were lost. 728 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber forces. Claims included one enemy aircraft; five aircraft were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 409 bombers against installations in PIRMASENS Q9066 and NEUENKIRCHEN G6882. 1,546 fighter/fighter bomber sorties were flown. Claims for the air force included 522 motor transport, 59 tanks or armored vehicles, 1,129 railroad cars, 165 buildings and 58 marshalling yards. No aircraft were lost.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: None in South. Low clouds at dawn, dissipating by 1300A with layered clouds moving into the extreme north late in the period. Visibility: Less than 500 yards at dawn in North, becoming 1,000 yards by noon and 3 to 5 miles in the afternoon. 1,000 yards at dawn in the South, becoming 1 to 2 miles by 1000A and 3 to 5 miles by noon. Wind: 5 mph, southwest. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 59° F. Minimum 42° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 26th Division. Advanced two miles south. House-to-house fighting continued in BRITTEN L2303. Front line change: L1802 - L2001 - Q2099 - L2101 - BRITTEN L2303. 80th Division. Gained two miles south on a three-

mile front. Captured SCHEIDEN L2705, WEISKIRCHEN L3307 and HAUSBACH L2401. Division reconnaissance units reached L3111. Front line changes: HAUSBACH L2401 - L2602 - L2904 - L2905 and L3111. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" advanced to the southeast and reached MITLOSHEIM L3004. Combat Command "A" attacked south from HERMESKAIL L4317. Front line change: MITLOSHEIM L3004 - L3307. 94th Division. Advanced five miles southeast against light resistance. Captured MANDERN L3012, WALDWEILER L3213, KELL L3415, REINSFELD L3820 and GUSENBURG L3915. Fighting continued in HERMESKAIL. Front line change: L3307 - MANDERN L3012 - WALDWEILER L3213 - KELL L3415 - L4012 - L3915 - HERMESKAIL L4317 - L3910 - REINSFELD L3820. 3d Cavalry Group. Remained in corps reserve. 16th Cavalry Group. Defended the front line from L2823 to L3129.

XII Corps. 89th Division. Crossed the MOSELLE River at 0300A and established a bridgehead. Units advanced one mile east and captured FULLAY L5762 and NEFF L5766. Front line changes: L5557 - L5757 - L5560 and BULLAY L5762 - L5963 - L5964. 5th Division. Advanced four miles south and extended the bridgehead over the MOSELLE River. Captured DOMMERSHAUSEN L7671, MORSDORF L7267, LAHR L7369, ZILSHAUSEN L7468, SABERSHAUSEN L7769 and BELTHEIM L8067 against light resistance. Front line change: L6469 - L6969 - MORSDORF L7267 - ZILSHAUSEN L7468 - SABERSHAUSEN L7769 - BELTHEIM L8067. 4th Armored Division. Crossed into the bridgehead. Combat Command "B" moved to the vicinity of DOMMERSHAUSEN L7671 and Combat Command "A" moved to the vicinity of NIEDER GONDERSHAUSEN L8373. Then attacked southeast and advanced the spearhead thirty-two miles to the NAHE River M0835. Combat Command "B" entered WALDBOCKELHEIM L9835 and BAD MUNSTER M0835. Combat Command "A" entered ELLERN L9354 and RHEINBOLLEN L9556. Front line change: L8361 - L8453 - L9637 - WALDBOCKELHEIM L9835 - BAD MUNSTER M0835 - M0238 - ELLERN L9354 - RHEINBOLLEN L9556 - L8673. 90th Division. Advanced three miles against light opposition. Captured NIEDER GONDERSHAUSEN L8373, DIELER L8476, HALSENBACH L8675 and KRATZENBURG L8776 and reached EHR L8875. House-to-house fighting continued in PFAFFENHECK L8482 against heavy opposition. Front line change: DIELER L8476 - L8576 - HALSENBACH L8675 - EHR L8875 - KRATZENBURG L8776 - L8578 - PFAFFENHECK L8482. 2d Cavalry Group. Continued to protect the corps left flank.

VIII Corps. 11th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" closed in the vicinity of OBERMENDIG L6697. 87th Division. Attacked across the MOSELLE River southwest of KOBLENZ L9095 at 0345A and captured NIEDERFELL L8088. Front line change: NIEDERFELL L8088.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 28th Division. Assigned to Third Army.

III Corps. 99th Division. Advanced one mile southeast against light to moderate resistance. Captured HONNINGEN F6913, BRENNISCHIED F7517, REIFERT F7518 and a town at F7420. Front line change: HONNINGEN F6913 - F7213 - F7314 - F7415 - BRENNISCHIED F7517 - REIFERT F7518 - F7420. 9th Division. Advanced one mile southeast along the division front. Captured KALENBORN F7024 and STRODT F7322 against heavy resistance. House-to-house fighting continued in REDERSCHEID F7125 which was nearly cleared of resistance. Front line change: STRODT F7322 - F7222 - F7123 - KALENBORN F7024 - REDERSCHEID F7125 - F7027. 78th Division. Advanced one mile north and cut the KONIGSWINTER F6131 - ITTENBACH F6631 main road. Then continued the advance and cleared nearly all of the resistance from both towns. Captured AEGIDIENBERG F6930 and cut the autobahn near F6830 at 1115A against light resistance. The 39th Infantry Regiment reverted to the control of the 9th Division. The 78th Division was attached to VII Corps at 1300A.

VII Corps. No change.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored Division. Commenced movement to vicinity LUNEVILLE V0899. 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th, 106th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 152400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	63,891	260,434	35,393	8,927	368,645
Non-battle					270,670
Total Casualties					639,515

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group

3d U S Division	ETTING Q5948
36th Division	BATZENDORF Q9720
42d Division	WIMMENAU Q7634
45th Division	Q5356
100th Division	BUTTEN Q6241
103d Division	OBERMODERN Q8527
3d Algerian Division	HOERDT R0310

Twenty-First Army Group

I Canadian Corps	E6158
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Twelfth Army Group

First Army	EUSKIRCHEN F3229
1st Division	UNKEL F6322
89th Division	RID BERTRICH L5063
90th Division	MUNSTERMAIFELD L7383
94th Division	L2716
4th Armored Division	GAMLEN L6182

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